

SENATE RESOLUTION 111

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kathryn S. Driver on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Driver is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 19 years as a valued employee of the state of Tennessee, most recently with the Tennessee Probation and Parole Board as a Procurement Officer. Ms. Driver took a much deserved retirement on December 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the Nashville community for the past fifty years, Kathryn Driver returned to her hometown from Ohio in 1951 after graduating from Springfield Senior High School and attending Wilburforce University; and

WHEREAS, after working for the Nashville Housing Authority for ten years, Ms. Driver, along with her husband, opened The Galaxie Drive-In in 1968, a successful venture which garnered her the Business Person of the Month Award in February 1975 presented by PAED in conjunction with WVOL. An exemplary entrepreneur, Kathryn Driver later opened Archibald's Restaurant and Catering Service which quickly became a local favorite; and

WHEREAS, once again accepting a new challenge, Ms. Driver became a Dorm Director for Fisk University before accepting the position of Assistant Manager for Food Services for the state of Tennessee cafeteria in the Andrew Jackson Building in 1984; and

WHEREAS, recognized for her wisdom and expertise, for the past sixteen years, Ms. Driver, has excelled in her position as a Procurement Officer for the Tennessee Probation and Parole Board and is a member of the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, a woman possessing a devout and unflagging faith, Kathryn Driver has been a member of Lee Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church for forty years. In 1968, she was honored as Lee Chapel's "Woman of the Year" and she has been involved with many facets of church life throughout the years, including being a former President of the Lee Chapel Stewardess Board and a member of the Emma S. Ransom Women's Missionary Society; and

WHEREAS, a proud mother and doting grandmother, Ms. Driver is grateful for the love she shares with her three sons, Francis S. Guess, James R. Spears, and Spruell Driver, Jr., and her three grandchildren, Maria V. Guess, James M. Spears, and Sierra "Elise" Driver; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Driver exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Driver has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Kathryn S. Driver our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, and offer our gratitude for her service to this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy